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STATESBORO - Georgia Southern head football coach [Chad Lunsford](#) has been named the Sun Belt Coach of the Year by Southern Pigskin, as announced Wednesday by the outlet. In addition, four Eagle players were named to the first-team all-conference squad.

Lunsford, in his first full year as the head coach of the Eagles, has led GS to nine wins and a berth in the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, where they will face Eastern Michigan on Dec. 15 in Montgomery, Alabama. After going 2-10 last year, the Eagles are 9-3 with a game left. With a win, GS would become the fourth team in Division I-A/FBS history to make a one-year turnaround from double-digit losses on the field to double digit-wins the next season. Fresno State in 2017 (1-11 to 10-4), Air Force in 2014 (2-10 to 10-3) and Miami, Ohio in 2010 (1-11 to 10-4) also accomplished the feat. Alabama went 9-3-1 on the field in 1993, but forfeited 11 results to make them 1-12, and then went 12-1 in 1994.

Georgia Southern is +7 in the win difference this season, tops in the country (Cincinnati is +6). A win in the bowl game would give the Eagles a 7 1/2 margin in games improved, tied for the seventh-best in NCAA Division I-A/FBS history.

Earning first-team All-Sun Belt plaudits from Southern Pigskin were: center [Curtis Rainey](#), cornerbacks [Kindle Vildor](#) and [Monquavion Brinson](#) and kicker [Tyler Bass](#).

For the full team, [click here](#).

Tickets are still on sale for the Eagles' upcoming bowl game and can be purchased at [GSEagles.com/Bowl](#).

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